

Senate Bill 370

Sponsored by Senator COURTNEY (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Establishes minimum amount of participation in physical education by kindergarten through grade 8 public school students. Specifies requirements for physical education instruction.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to physical education; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 336.631, 338.025 and
3 338.115.

4 Whereas in Oregon 28 percent of eighth graders and 21 percent of eleventh graders are cur-
5 rently overweight; and

6 Whereas between 1994 and 2001, obesity among Oregon adults had increased by 59 percent, with
7 Oregon's current adult obesity rate estimated at 22 percent - the highest in any state west of the
8 Rockies; and

9 Whereas physical inactivity and a poor diet together account for at least 400,000 deaths among
10 adults in the United States each year, which is second only to tobacco use as the leading cause of
11 preventable death in the United States; and

12 Whereas inadequate participation in physical activity is the major contributor to the "epidemic
13 of obesity" that has plagued the nation's young people during the past two decades; and

14 Whereas the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in their Guide to Community Preven-
15 tive Services, have given their highest level of evidence-based endorsement to increasing children's
16 physical activity and aerobic capacity through physical education; and

17 Whereas physical activity offers young people many health benefits, including controlling
18 weight, building lean muscle and reducing fat, improving aerobic endurance and muscular strength,
19 building greater bone mass to prevent osteoporosis in adulthood, reducing the risk of diabetes, pre-
20 venting or reducing high blood pressure, and developing healthy habits that will last a lifetime; now,
21 therefore,

22 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

23 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2007 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 329.**

24 **SECTION 2. (1) Every public school student in kindergarten through grade 8 shall par-**
25 **ticipate in physical education for the entire school year. Students in kindergarten through**
26 **grade 5 shall participate in physical education for at least 150 minutes during each school**
27 **week. Students in grades 6 through 8 shall participate in physical education for at least 225**
28 **minutes during each school week.**

29 **(2) School districts and public charter schools shall offer instruction in physical educa-**
30 **tion that meets the academic content standards for physical education adopted by the State**
31 **Board of Education under ORS 329.045. The instruction shall be a sequential, developmentally**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 appropriate curriculum that is designed, implemented and evaluated to help students develop
 2 the knowledge, motor skills, self-management skills, attitudes and confidence needed to
 3 adopt and maintain physical activity throughout their lives.

4 (3) School districts and public charter schools shall devote at least 50 percent of physical
 5 education class time to actual physical activity in each school week, with as much class time
 6 as possible spent in moderate physical activity.

7 (4)(a) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (3) of this section, a student with disabilities
 8 shall have suitably adapted physical education incorporated as part of the individualized ed-
 9 ucation program developed for the student under ORS 343.151.

10 (b) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (3) of this section, a student who does not have
 11 an individualized education program but has chronic health problems, other disabling condi-
 12 tions or other special needs that preclude the student from participating in regular physical
 13 education instruction shall have suitably adapted physical education incorporated as part of
 14 an individualized health plan developed for the student by the school district or public char-
 15 ter school.

16 (5) School districts and public charter schools shall assess school curriculums at regular
 17 intervals to measure the attainment of the minimum number of minutes that students are
 18 required to participate in physical education under this section.

19 (6) All teachers of physical education for public school students in kindergarten through
 20 grade 8 shall be adequately prepared and shall regularly participate in professional develop-
 21 ment activities to effectively deliver the physical education program.

22 **SECTION 3.** ORS 336.631 is amended to read:

23 336.631. (1) Prior to contracting with or distributing any public funds to a private alternative
 24 education program, a district school board shall:

25 (a) Annually approve the private alternative education program;

26 (b) Determine that the private alternative education program is registered with the Department
 27 of Education; and

28 (c) Determine that the private alternative education program complies with the requirements
 29 of subsection (2) of this section and ORS 336.625 (3)(c).

30 (2) The following laws apply to private alternative education programs that are registered with
 31 the Department of Education under ORS 336.635 in the same manner as the laws apply to school
 32 districts and public schools:

33 (a) Federal law;

34 (b) ORS 181.534, 181.539, 326.603, 326.607 and 342.232 (criminal records checks);

35 (c) **Section 2 of this 2007 Act (physical education);**

36 [(c)] (d) ORS 337.150, 339.141, 339.147 and 339.155 (tuition and fees);

37 [(d)] (e) ORS 659.850 and 659.855 (discrimination);

38 [(e)] (f) Health and safety statutes and rules; and

39 [(f)] (g) Any statute, rule or school district policy that is specified in a contract between the
 40 school district board and the private alternative education program.

41 (3) Prior to placement of a student in a private alternative education program, the resident
 42 district shall determine whether the proposed placement best serves the student's educational needs
 43 and interests and assists the student in achieving the district and state academic standards.

44 (4) Contracts between a school district and a private alternative education program shall be
 45 included in the assessment of effectiveness provided for in ORS 329.085.

1 **SECTION 4.** ORS 338.115 is amended to read:

2 338.115. (1) Statutes and rules that apply to school district boards, school districts or other
3 public schools do not apply to public charter schools. However, the following laws do apply to public
4 charter schools:

5 (a) Federal law;

6 (b) ORS 192.410 to 192.505 (public records law);

7 (c) ORS 192.610 to 192.690 (public meetings law);

8 (d) ORS 297.405 to 297.555 and 297.990 (Municipal Audit Law);

9 (e) ORS 181.534, 181.539, 326.603, 326.607 and 342.232 (criminal records checks);

10 (f) ORS 337.150 (textbooks);

11 (g) ORS 339.141, 339.147 and 339.155 (tuition and fees);

12 (h) ORS 659.850 and 659.855 (discrimination);

13 (i) ORS 30.260 to 30.300 (tort claims);

14 (j) Health and safety statutes and rules;

15 (k) Any statute or rule that is listed in the charter;

16 (L) The statewide assessment system developed by the Department of Education for mathemat-
17 ics, science and English under ORS 329.485 (1);

18 (m) ORS 329.045 (academic content standards and instruction);

19 **(n) Section 2 of this 2007 Act (physical education);**

20 [(n)] **(o)** Any statute or rule that establishes requirements for instructional time provided by a
21 school during each day or during a year;

22 [(o)] **(p)** ORS 339.250 (12) (prohibition on infliction of corporal punishment);

23 [(p)] **(q)** ORS 339.370, 339.372 and 339.375 (reporting of child abuse); and

24 [(q)] **(r)** This chapter.

25 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, a charter may specify that statutes and rules
26 that apply to school district boards, school districts and other public schools may apply to a public
27 charter school.

28 (3) If a statute or rule applies to a public charter school, then the terms “school district” and
29 “public school” include public charter school as those terms are used in that statute or rule.

30 (4) A public charter school may not violate the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment
31 to the United States Constitution or section 5, Article I of the Oregon Constitution, or be religion
32 based.

33 (5) A public charter school shall maintain an active enrollment of at least 25 students.

34 (6) A public charter school may sue or be sued as a separate legal entity.

35 (7) The sponsor, members of the governing board of the sponsor acting in their official capacities
36 and employees of a sponsor acting in their official capacities are immune from civil liability with
37 respect to all activities related to a public charter school within the scope of their duties or em-
38 ployment.

39 (8) A public charter school may enter into contracts and may lease facilities and services from
40 a school district, education service district, state institution of higher education, other governmental
41 unit or any person or legal entity.

42 (9) A public charter school may not levy taxes or issue bonds under which the public incurs li-
43 ability.

44 (10) A public charter school may receive and accept gifts, grants and donations from any source
45 for expenditure to carry out the lawful functions of the school.

1 (11) The school district in which the public charter school is located shall offer a high school
 2 diploma, certificate, Certificate of Initial Mastery or Certificate of Advanced Mastery to any public
 3 charter school student who meets the district's and state's standards for a high school diploma,
 4 certificate, Certificate of Initial Mastery or Certificate of Advanced Mastery. If the school district
 5 offers a Certificate of Initial Mastery subject area endorsement to students who attend school in the
 6 district, then the school district shall offer the endorsement to any public charter school student
 7 who meets the district's and state's standards for the endorsement.

8 (12) A high school diploma, certificate, Certificate of Initial Mastery, Certificate of Initial Mas-
 9 tery subject area endorsement or Certificate of Advanced Mastery issued by a public charter school
 10 grants to the holder the same rights and privileges as a high school diploma, certificate, Certificate
 11 of Initial Mastery, Certificate of Initial Mastery subject area endorsement or Certificate of Ad-
 12 vanced Mastery issued by a nonchartered public school.

13 (13) Prior to beginning operation, the public charter school shall show proof of insurance to the
 14 sponsor as specified in the charter.

15 (14) A public charter school may receive services from an education service district in the same
 16 manner as a nonchartered public school in the school district in which the public charter school is
 17 located.

18 **SECTION 5.** ORS 338.025 is amended to read:

19 338.025. (1) The State Board of Education may adopt any rules necessary for the implementation
 20 of this chapter. The rules shall follow the intent of this chapter.

21 (2) Upon application by a public charter school, the State Board of Education may grant a
 22 waiver of any provision of this chapter if the waiver promotes the development of programs by
 23 providers, enhances the equitable access by underserved families to the public education of their
 24 choice, extends the equitable access to public support by all students or permits high quality pro-
 25 grams of unusual cost. The State Board of Education may not waive any appeal provision in this
 26 chapter or any provision under ORS 338.115 (1)(a) to [(p)] (q).

27 **SECTION 6.** Section 2 of this 2007 Act and the amendments to ORS 336.631, 338.025 and
 28 338.115 by sections 3 to 5 of this 2007 Act first apply to the 2008-2009 school year.